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"Today is a berry special day!" Strawberry Shortcake exclaimed. "It's Valentine's Day, and we have a lot to do!"

"Like what?" yawned Custard.

"Oh, Custard," Strawberry said. "Valentine's Day is the perfect chance to tell everybody how berry much you care for them. Making and delivering valentines is a great way to do that!"

Strawberry Shortcake went into the kitchen. "A special breakfast is a berry nice way to start Valentine's Day," she said to Apple Dumplin'. "Let's make strawberry pancakes—our favorite!"

"Pancakes! Yummy!" said Apple Dumplin' happily.

Strawberry Shortcake mixed flour, butter, sugar, and milk together to make the pancake batter. Apple helped set the table while Strawberry cooked the pancakes. Before long, they were ready to eat.

Syrup

"Breakfast time," said Strawberry Shortcake. "*Mmm*—these pancakes smell berrylicious!"

"Woof?" barked Pupcake.

"Don't worry, Pupcake," Strawberry said. "I have a special breakfast for you—and for Custard, too." She gave Pupcake a big dog bone and filled a pretty bowl with cream for Custard. "Eat up, everybody!"

"Now it's time to make valentines!" Strawberry said after breakfast. She got out her art supplies and worked berry hard on her valentines.

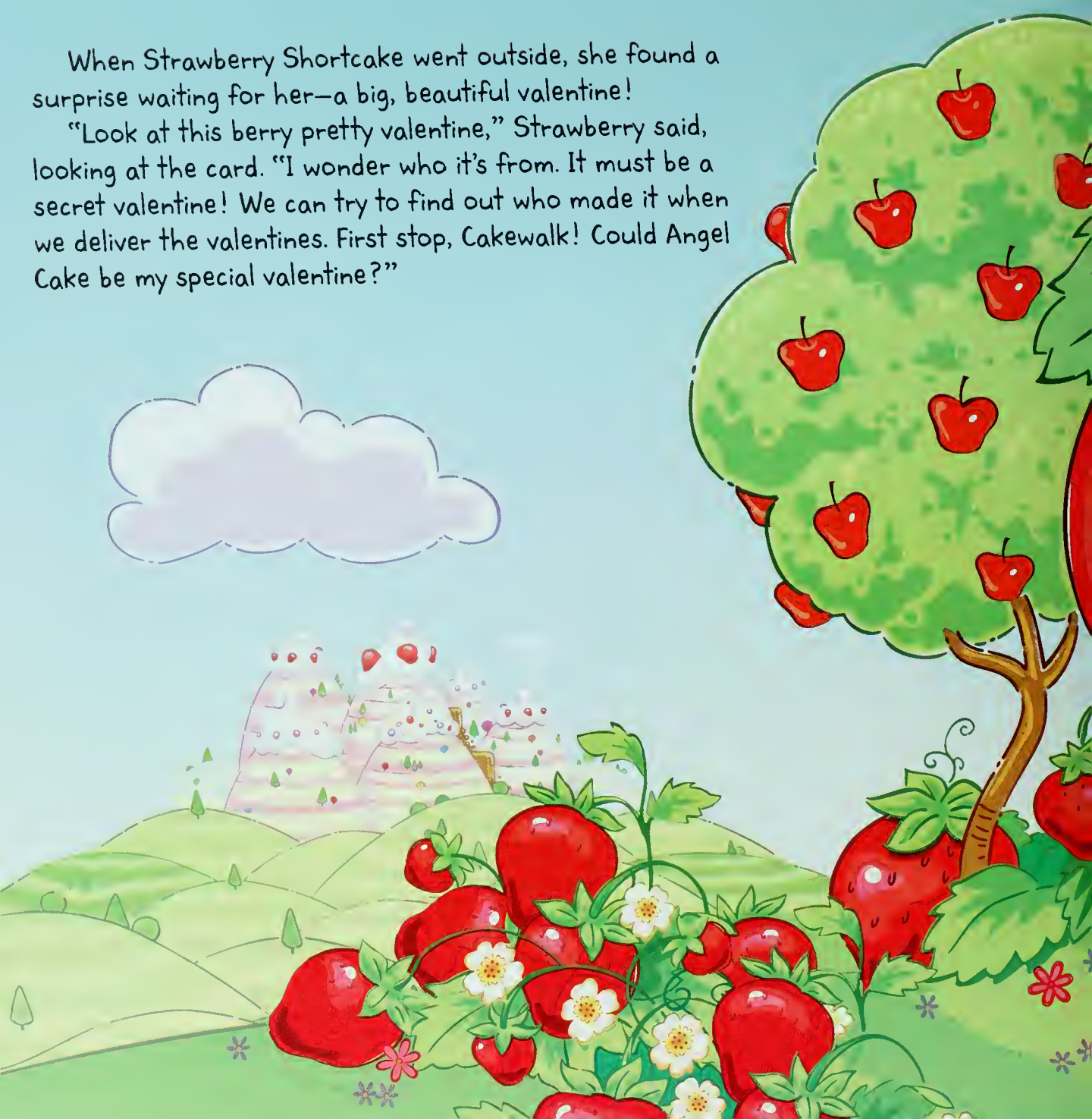
"There," she said as she finished the last one. "All done! Now comes the best part—delivering the valentines! Custard and Pupcake, do you want to come with us?"

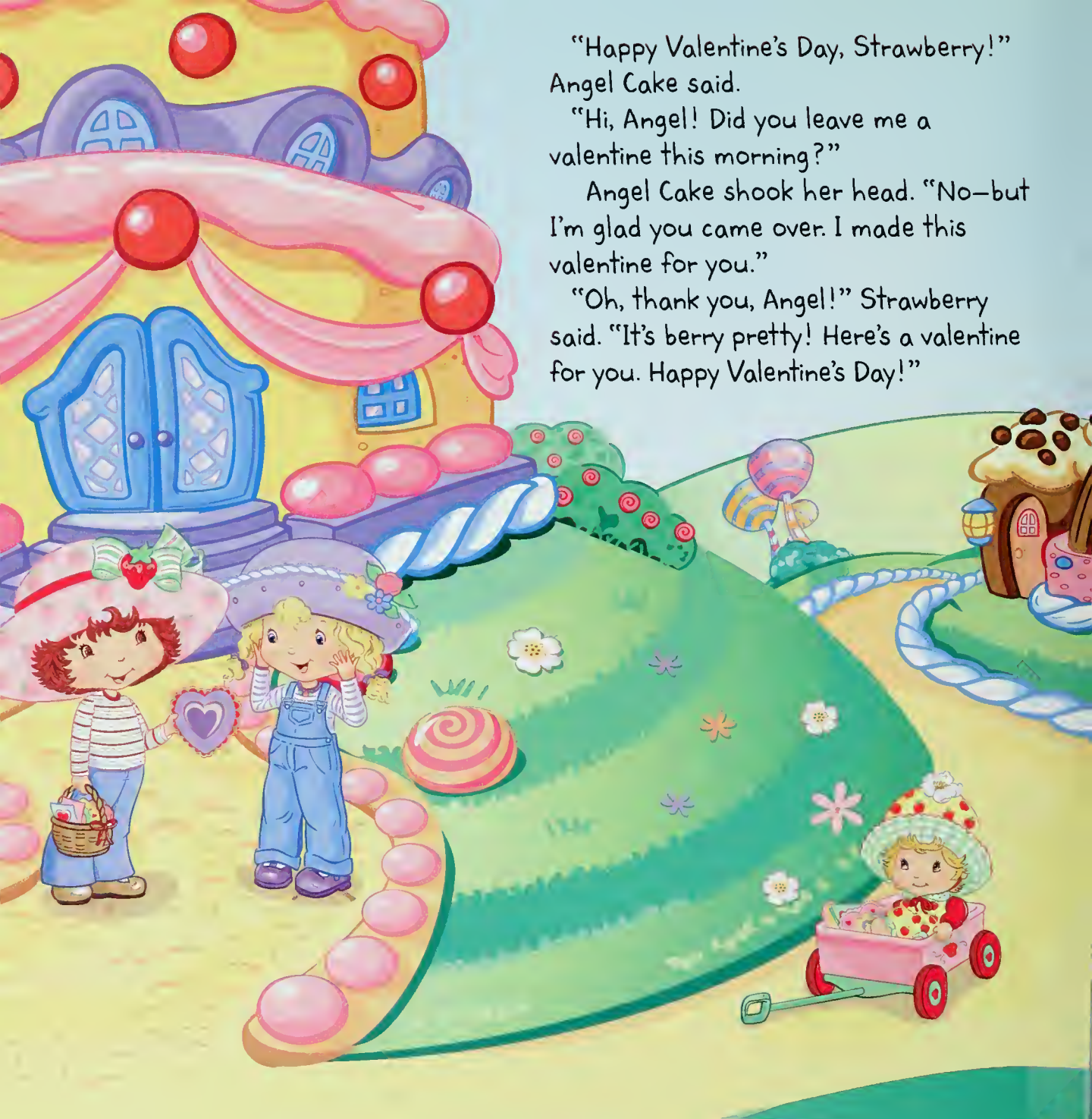
"No, thanks," Custard said. "I'd rather nap."

"And it looks like Pupcake would rather bury his bone in the yard," giggled Strawberry Shortcake. "Come on, Apple—it's just you and me."

When Strawberry Shortcake went outside, she found a surprise waiting for her—a big, beautiful valentine!

"Look at this berry pretty valentine," Strawberry said, looking at the card. "I wonder who it's from. It must be a secret valentine! We can try to find out who made it when we deliver the valentines. First stop, Cakewalk! Could Angel Cake be my special valentine?"





"Happy Valentine's Day, Strawberry!" Angel Cake said.

"Hi, Angel! Did you leave me a valentine this morning?"

Angel Cake shook her head. "No—but I'm glad you came over. I made this valentine for you."

"Oh, thank you, Angel!" Strawberry said. "It's berry pretty! Here's a valentine for you. Happy Valentine's Day!"

Friendship Recipe
INGREDIENTS:
Lots of smiles
Tons of giggles
Berry fun times
Mix all the ingredients together.
Then add a strawberry on top for the
berry sweetest friend ever!
Love,
Angel Cake

"Let's go to Orange Blossom Acres now," Strawberry Shortcake said. "Sometimes Orange Blossom is shy. Maybe she's my secret valentine!"

But when Strawberry asked Orange Blossom about the valentine, Orange shook her head. "This is the valentine I made for you, Strawberry," she said. "It's full of flower seeds for your garden."

"Thanks, Orange—what a berry good idea! I'll think of you every time I see the flowers. Here's a valentine for you!" replied Strawberry.

SEEDS
Friendship grows better
every day
With friends who are nice
in every way!
Happy Valentine's Day,
Strawberry!
Love,
Orange Blossom

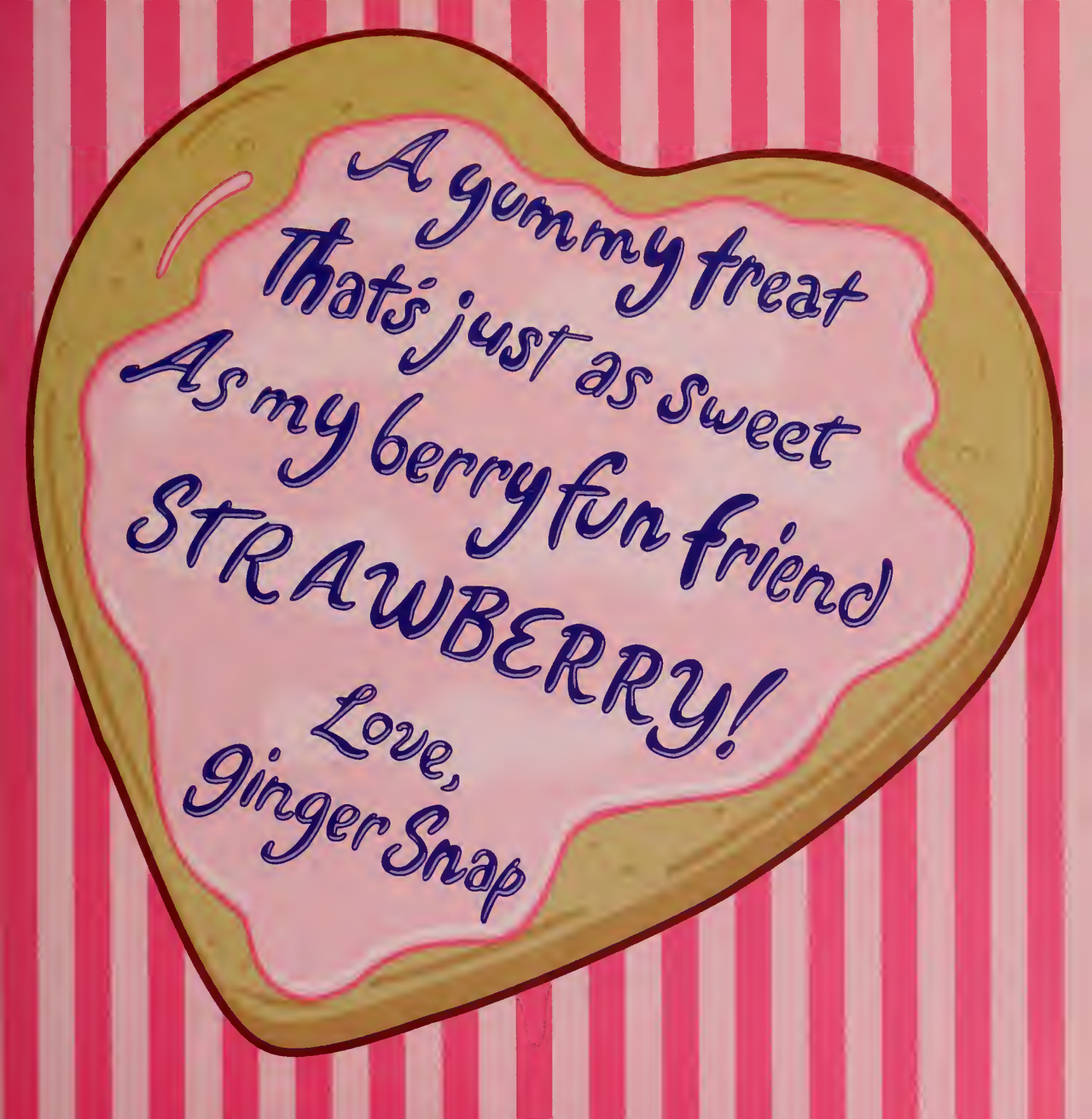
"Ginger Snap loves to surprise people," Strawberry Shortcake said. "I bet *she* made the valentine!"

"Happy Valentine's Day, Strawberry!" Ginger exclaimed when Strawberry arrived in Cookie Corners. "I just took your valentine out of the oven!"

"Valentines in the oven?" Strawberry asked.

"Yes—I baked cookie valentines!" Ginger Snap said proudly.

"Wow—thank you berry much! This valentine is for you," replied Strawberry.


A gummy treat
That's just as sweet
As my berry fun friend
STRAWBERRY!
Love,
Ginger Snap

"If Ginger Snap didn't make the secret valentine, maybe Blueberry Muffin did," Strawberry said. Soon she and Apple arrived in Blueberry Valley.

"Hello, Blueberry Muffin!" Strawberry said. "Happy Valentine's Day! I made this for you."

"Thank you, Strawberry!" Blueberry replied. "Here's the valentine I made for you. I hope you like it!"

"Of course I do!" replied Strawberry. "It's beautiful!"

Strawberries are red.
Blueberries are blue.
You're a berry good friend–
I'm so glad I met you!
Blueberry
Muffin

Next, Strawberry and Apple went to Huckleberry Briar. "I guess Blueberry Muffin didn't make the valentine," Strawberry said. "Maybe it was Huck—he's always playing funny tricks!"

"Hey there, Strawberry!" Huck yelled from his fort. "Happy Valentine's Day!" A paper airplane sailed down from the lookout.

Strawberry Shortcake unfolded it to find a heart-shaped map. "Berry cool!" she said. "I'll leave your valentine down here. Thanks, Huck!"

Follow the map
to find a really cool friend—
X marks the spot!
Happy
Valentine's
Day!
Your pal,
Huckleberry Pie

"We have one more stop to make—Honey Pony Pastures!" Strawberry said. "Maybe the secret valentine is from Honey!" When Strawberry and Apple arrived in Honey Pony Pastures, Honey galloped over to them.

"Hi, Strawberry! I was just about to trot over to Strawberryland to deliver this," Honey said as she gave Strawberry a valentine shaped like a horseshoe.

"Oh, thank you, Honey," Strawberry replied. "Here's a valentine for you!"

I like apples and oats,
Carrots and hay.
But I like **YOU** the most-
Happy Valentine's Day!
Love,
Honey Pie Pony

"Now that we've delivered the valentines to our friends, it's time to go home," Strawberry Shortcake said to Apple Dumplin'.

Strawberry and Apple walked down the Berry Trail to Strawberryland. Strawberry couldn't wait to put up the beautiful valentines from her friends—and give out the last three valentines she had made.

Berry
Trail

"Here are three berry special valentines!" Strawberry Shortcake exclaimed. "One for the cutest cat, one for the funniest puppy, and one for the sweetest baby sister ever!"

"Woof! Woof!" barked Pupcake.
"Mine!" Apple Dumplin' said happily.
"Thanks, Strawberry," Custard purred. "This valentine is purr-fect!"

Follow the map
to find a really co
X marks the spot!
Valentine's
Day!
Your pal,
Strawberry Shc

"You're welcome!" Strawberry Shortcake said happily. "But I never found out who made this beautiful valentine for me. I wish I knew so I could thank them for being so berry nice."

"Who do you think gave it to you, Strawberry—who loves you more than us?" Custard asked.

"Thank you so much!" Strawberry Shortcake exclaimed. "This is the best surprise ever! Happy Valentine's Day, everybody! I love you all berry much!"

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Strawberry Shortcake loves Valentine's Day—and this year, she has a mystery to solve! Someone left a valentine on her doorstep, but there's no name on it. Who is Strawberry's secret valentine? Come along on an adventure through Strawberryland to find out!

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